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WEDNESDAY EVE, JAN. 8, 1930

The 8th of January is Democracy's Day. It is the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, which made Jackson President of the United States and the idol of a great people. It was on that day which witnessed the final overthrow of British power in the United States, and established the unquestioned authority of the republic upon its own soil. It was a historic battle, so to speak, for the peace had been signed before it, but it was before the days of Atlantic cable, or any other system of rapid communication, the news had not reached the aide, and before the message reached this country the battle had been fought and won, and America here had been created, or even if the era of steam action had come to pass the battle never had happened. But it was to establish the prowess of the great hunters and to build up the nation of a popular idol sufficiently to him the President of the United States.

The battle of New Orleans never had happened if news had not been so rapidly as now, but it was a victory, nevertheless.

It is nothing stuck up about the battle, but it is another proof of the hand of the divine.

WILSON F. SANDERS, the new Senator from Missouri, went to Virginia City in 1863. The town was then the seat of a large number of Price's demoralized army, and these were that no American flag should float over the town. Sanders took a couple of revolvers, went down to a flag-pole, and ordered up the bunting familiar to every eye and dear to every loyal heart. There were several hundred of the Price's men on the ground, and all armed. But the flag went up and Sanders coolly told that, while they were made to his one, the next man who made a move toward bunting down that flag would be sent to where a bullet would find him.

In the face of continuous injuries and cruelty and lack of encouragement the negroes of North Carolina have managed their first state fair, and make a creditable display of 553 exhibits, including horses, cattle, poultry, crops and fancy articles. Even had the negroes a fair show and an equal chance with the whites in all the fields of industrial activity this would have been considered a splendid result for a race which but a few years ago was in a condition of servitude, had no property, and was not allowed even to enjoy the fruits of its labor. How much more credit is it to the negroes of North Carolina that they are now able to make a display of their own products and to dispose of them for a considerable sum of money.

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Heavy Damage by Electricity in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 8, 1 p. m.—The Western Union telegraph office, this city, was totally destroyed by fire this morning, by the telegraph wire falling upon the electric light wire. The electric current was carried direct to the office.

MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP

Go for All the Railroads Alike—Proceed in Form

In obedience to the direction of the city council, City Attorney McGowan, will bring suit against the Illinois Central railroad company, on a specific charge not yet formulated, for failing to erect a decent Union Depot in Decatur. The papers will be filed in this time.

A TEST CASE

It is suggested that steps should be taken to bring all of the railway companies doing business in Decatur to trial, and that legal action should not be taken alone against the Central company, which owns 100 feet of ground on each side of the track, but does less passenger business than either of the other lines, with possibly one or two exceptions.

In the opinion of several gentlemen, the proper course to pursue is for the city council or the people to join in a petition to the State Board of Railway and Warehouse Commissioners to pay Decatur an official visit, to inspect the facilities for accommodations, and then upon the site of the Union Depot, to erect a decent Union Depot in Decatur.

Let somebody circulate the petition for signatures to be sent to the State Board.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—A crowd of men and women who take the cheaper chances of accommodation as those who travel in the costly cars, do not mean the contagion risk a any special progress in the latter, but the suggestion that the grippe is so potent a disease as to monopolize a city with folk as home out by their observations along the line. I came through from Pittsburgh two nights ago. There were twenty-two people in the sleeper, and twenty-two were suffering from the morning I went forward into the cars where the passengers who could not afford to pay for berths had been away the night. It struck me that it would be interesting to make a comparison, and among several other travel I could only determine that travel was grippe victims.

INTERVIEW IN NEW YORK

First Meeting of the Board of Health Since the Disorder Began

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THE EMIGRATION OF THE AFRICAN RACE

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